

Senate postpones talk Letter protests funding

By Julia Ybarra

UNO's Student Senate voted Thursday to table a proposal for a letter which questioned the building of the Beadle Center for Genetics on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) campus.

Sen. Mike Kennedy submitted the letter addressed to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, the governor, and the state legislature regarding the distribution of federal funds.

The letter said in part:

"At a time when UNO is facing numerous budget cuts, the Student Senate finds it ironic that \$31 million can be found to build the Beadle Center for Genetics in Lincoln."

The debate centered on the use of the word "ironic."

"The idea that UNO should be equal to UNL is 100 percent (true)," Sen. Mike Henderson said. "But the way this is written, the Beadle Center is being protested."

"I think it's rude," Sen. Patty Driscoll said.

Sen. Steve Meacham defended the letter and its original intent.

"All we're saying is: 'If you can find \$31 million for them, find \$31 million for us,'" Meacham said.

The Senate voted to table the proposal in order for the letter to be revised, but discussion was reopened after a five-minute recess.

"I had one problem with one sentence," Sen. Tim Janda said. "It was changed during the break and now let's get it done and over with."

Sen. Ron Hyde said the letter needed to be passed immediately so Student President/Regent Mike Farquhar would be able to take it to the regents' meeting Feb. 15.

"I would say that Farquhar needs some papers to back him up for the regents' meeting," Hyde said.

Chief Administrative Officer Matt Schultz said a rewrite was necessary and should not be rushed to accommodate the regents' deadline.

"I realize that Farquhar won't have this on his master plan to take to the regents, but I believe he's apt and able enough to express our feelings without it," Schultz said.

Kennedy said he was frustrated with all of the debate.

"Here's UNO and we (Student Senate) can't even pass a letter," Kennedy said. "The students want this: they want dorms. The reason UNO doesn't get what it wants is because no one stands up and acts."

Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) Director Mark Vanevenhoven said the Student Senate already sent a resolution to the regents concerning the dorm request.

"I think your time would be better to rewrite this for a later time," Vanevenhoven said. "If Farquhar goes down and says 'This passed Student Senate,' it means one thing. If he says 'This passed Student Senate unanimously,' that's a whole different connotation."

The Senate voted to table discussion of the letter until its next meeting.

In other business, the Budget Committee passed two allocations of \$157.50 each to the Women's Resource Center for a two-page advertisement for guest speakers.

The committee also set aside \$362 for purchasing four picnic tables to be placed outside the Eppley Administration Building around the Pep Bowl.

Rules Committee Chairperson Andria Palmesano announced the committee is in the process of rewriting the Student Senate election rules, the Senate bylaws, and the packet of information given to people who want to start student organizations.

"There are discrepancies between the (Student Senate) Constitution and the bylaws," Palmesano said in a later interview. "We've been in the process of rewriting for two years. So at the Feb. 27 Rules Committee meeting, we're going to sit down, hash it out and rewrite them."

Ten reasons for UNO superiority

Don't tell Mike Farquhar, but when he wore his new shirt last Thursday, people were laughing behind his back.

Actually, Farquhar knew they were laughing, but he didn't mind. He encourages it.

The back side of Farquhar's shirt contained a list of "The Top 10 Reasons Why UNO is better than UNL (the University of Nebraska-Lincoln)."

Farquhar helped design the T-shirt, along with Andria Palmesano, speaker of the Student Senate, and Mark Vanevenhoven, director of the Council for Community Legislative Relations. The three said they hope the T-shirt will gain the approval of the Student Senate as a fund-raiser for new computers in UNO's typing center.

According to Palmesano, the shirts would sell for \$10 each. The fronts of the shirts

would be left blank, allowing organizations to personalize them for their group.

Here are the proposed "Top 10 Reasons UNO is Better Than UNL."

10. The professors will drink with us after class.

9. Disneyland shuttle to and from the AK (Ak-Sar-Ben).

8. Mint condoms in the Women's Resource Center.

7. Phallic symbolic belltower.

6. Life doesn't end when our football team loses.

5. We don't fear our campus security, because we know we can take them.

4. No alcohol restrictions in the dorms.

3. Graduation is not a requirement.

2. "Uncle Del."

1. We're not AT Lincoln.

Ambassadors needed

By Lori Safranek

Some lucky UNO student could be the recipient of a one-month, all expenses paid trip to ... Belize.

For those students not majoring in geography, Belize is the northernmost country in Central America.

There is one catch (there's always a catch). The lucky student would be UNO's Outbound Ambassador Program representative for 1992, which involves two weeks of service at the Baboon Community Sanctuary, according to Jean Amoura, UNO's 1991 ambassador.

The program was developed by the Experiment in International Living, a non-profit organization based in Vermont. UNO has been a local sponsor of the program since 1963.

Participants from across the United States usually travel in groups of 10 to 15, with a leader who is experienced with the native language and culture, Amoura said.

"This year's program should be an outstanding opportunity for someone interested in ex-

ploring ecological and cultural issues," she said. The trip to Belize would take place from July 1-28.

Amoura traveled to Thailand during her term as ambassador.

"My trip was also based on community service," she said. "While in Thailand, my group spent a week seeing the sights of Bangkok. We then spent three weeks working in a refugee camp near the town of Phanat Nikhom. There, we taught math, English and American culture to young refugees from Cambodia and Laos."

Amoura taught math, but she said most students were more interested in American culture than in learning math. Most of the refugees were planning to come to the United States soon, and asked the ambassadors questions about what to expect, she said.

"It was kind of scary. It was like you were their only source of what America is," she said.

"My experience there was unbelievable in that we were allowed to see things the average

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Martina visits Omaha

—Eric Francis

Tennis ace Martina Navratilova played against her long-time doubles partner Pam Shriver Sunday at the Second Annual Healthy Choice Challenge at the Civic Auditorium. Story on page 10.

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Illness cancels SABC

The Student Advisory Budget Commission's (SABC) meeting scheduled for last Thursday was postponed due to the sudden illness of one of the SABC members.

SABC chair Cheryl Carter became ill at the beginning of the meeting, prior to any discussion.

SABC had planned to hear the budget proposals for the Gateway and the Student Pro-

gramming Organization (SPO). SABC tentatively re-scheduled SPO for Thursday and the Gateway for Feb. 27.

SABC will meet during its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Center Gallery Room.

Carter, who was hospitalized, is expected to return to her position with SABC as soon as possible.

LETTERS/OPINIONS

Just one simple question

Dear Editor:

I'd like to ask Tara Muir just one simple question. Do you ever listen to anyone?

Do you ever take anyone's ideas and find enough merit in them to learn from and incorporate that idea into your own?

Why is it you always have to do "your own thing?" I'm not saying you don't have the freedom to do so, it just seems to me you are always running around half-cocked.

I also believe most people will support my opinion. Do you know what that means? It means I'm in the majority.

Furthermore, it is the majority running things in this country and (they) always will. Any civic text tells you the Constitution and the government built around it is set up to ensure no minority can control the majority.

Yes, you have rights, the same as me. The trouble is you are hiding behind your "rights" and failing to recognize and accept the responsibility of your position. Columns should be relevant to the general audience interest or involve newsworthy issues. It should provide adequate evidence and support to back the opinion of the writer. Columns should not be used as a soapbox for one individual's unsupported political opinions.

Your only hope to sway the opinion of the majority is to do it with humor, wit and more importantly, fact, something you don't do.

I've re-read the columns from the last two semesters and can't find any examples where Rich Rezek personally insulted you. Rezek never formally challenged the world to agree with him or kiss his a__ like you do.

The mistake you are making is you do not consider the attitude of the audience you are dealing with. You make no concessions, only demands on how the majority should service your interests.

Your reactionary attitude only wastes your time and the Gateway's newsprint.

Paul Gebhart

UNO Student and Conserva-tyrant at large

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Candy, hearts or flowers?

By Julia Ybarra

For some people, it's highly anticipated. For others, it's somewhat dreaded. In order to find out just how UNO views Valentine's Day, we asked students:

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?

A. "Going out to eat at the Aquarium with a group of dating couples, then we'll go to the bar and get sloshed." — Tracy Rogers, sophomore.

A. "I don't have a girlfriend so I'm not doing anything. I'm available." — Bashar Hassan, senior.

A. "Taking a test in personnel human resource management." — Wes Matthews, senior.

A. "I'm going to have a special dinner with my children and buy them little gifts." — Jane Owen, junior.

A. "I don't have any plans. I'm from Korea and I'm not accustomed to doing any Valentine's Day (celebrating)." — Jongyoun Kim, sophomore.

A. "I'll bring her a dozen flowers and take her to a fancy restaurant." — Tim Diasti, senior.

A. "A romantic dinner with my husband . . . if he makes it." — Sandra Fields, sophomore.

A. "For my wife, I'm planning on getting her a dozen red roses and taking her out to dinner." — Mark Schneider, junior.

A. "Well, my boyfriend plays in a band so I'm planning on seeing him play." — Lisa Noble, senior.

A. "My work. I don't have anyone special to spend it with.

Valentine's (Day) has no meaning unless you have someone to spend it with." — Alicia Caldwell, sophomore.

A. "Are you kidding? We're going to study." — Brett Scholling, junior.

A. "I usually take care of those things last minute, like getting flowers, dinner at a restaurant. I haven't had time to plan anything." — Carmen Magistro, junior.

A. "We might go out that night if nothing else is going on. We both decided not to buy each other gifts because neither of us is exactly rich. We'll probably give each other

cards." — Bill Fenton, junior.

A. "I'm going to buy a rose for Sean and have it delivered to where he works and maybe take him out to dinner." — Cherie Wittmuss, sophomore.

A. "If we can't afford to go out to dinner, Donovan will probably make me dinner . . . so it'll be macaroni and cheese or something." — Shelly Davis, junior.

A. "I plan to take my dog for a long walk and try to forget the day exists." — Ken Gray, junior.

A. "Four words: waterbed, nudity, Jell-O and tweezers." — Dan Dahlem, junior.

Judging from these responses, it looks as if time and money largely determines the extent of celebration. Could this thinking result from Valentine's Day becoming commercialized, as Christmas has become?

For those of us who are separated from or who don't have a significant other, just remember, Valentine's Day lasts only 24 hours and then all the hearts and cupids in the store will give way to green beer and leprechauns.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Chalk is for children

Take a real stand

Have you noticed something new on our campus lately? Something perhaps white-gracing the sidewalks that isn't snow? Something resembling chalk we used to play with when we were children?

It seems UNO has been plagued with people writing odd messages to everyone in chalk — all over the campus.

Certainly you haven't missed them. These are not the normal chalk writings one sees during Rush week for the fraternities and sororities, the ones that say stuff like "Pikes" or "TKE for life" and such...

No, these chalkings have strange messages:

"Independent 4 ever!"

"Come out, come out where ever you are."

"We're queer and we're here."

And the best one is "Closets are for cloths;" not "Closets are for clothes," as one would expect, but for cloths.

These messages probably seem confusing and unclear to people not directly involved with the cause. Then again, what is the cause these people are trying to make us sympathetic to?

OK...

"We're queer and we're here" and "Closets are for cloths (clothes)" and "Come out, come out where ever you are" are slogans for the gay/lesbian/bisexual movement encouraging people to come out of the closet and declare their allegiance to the homosexuals

of the world. "Independent 4 ever" is a message from those GDIs (God Damned Independents) who apparently don't like the Greek system.

But does this graffiti actually do anything for the cause?

No.

Why?

Because the people who are promoting their cause by defacing the campus are not brave enough to come out and confront people with

their beliefs and convictions.

What, then, could these dissidents do to further general understanding of their beliefs? This is going to sound too simple: Talk to people.

Yes, speak with others in an intelligent, rational manner. Converse with them about why you are in favor of this movement. This is what mature people do.

Children write on things when they become angry. We are college students, and supposedly adults, and this is one of the great places of higher education — not a day care center for petulant pouting and temper tantrums.

Writing unclear messages on sidewalks for the masses to see does nothing but annoy the masses and convince them further that nothing you have to say is worthwhile.

So grow up and act like adults. Oh, and while you're at it, learn how to spell too.

STAFF EDITORIAL GRAFFITI

Who will have jobs in the year 2000?



Dance for tuition

Friday night, afraid to go alone, I coerced a male friend into taking me to a go-go club.

I went to visit "Fifi," a UNO student who shocked me when she told me how she has paid tuition for the past year. Without financial support from her parents, student loans and long hours at a minimum-wage job are illogical to her when she can average \$500 a week and work only 18 hours.

I won't reveal her real name or where she works. On stage, she wears colorful string bikinis accessorized with satin gloves, fancy hats

visible. I hate the double standard where it's no problem for them to be paying customers, but if I really want a respectable career after I graduate, I cannot be known as the former go-go dancer.

"Two other girls are UNO students where I work and they have the same concerns. I have no problem with being appreciated for my body or dancing ability. I know most people don't see it that way, but I justify it in my mind that 'Hey, that's their inhibited problem, not mine.'"

Earlier that evening, back at the bar, I noticed half the crowd was acne-faced, drooling boys in preppy sweaters and khaki pants; another quarter were flannel-shirted, baseball-capped, unshaven drunks; and the other

quarter were well-dressed, lonely men, with and without wedding rings.

Fifi has to sell 10 drinks a night and she prefers them non-alcoholic. She must dance in rotation with the other 14 women, usually three songs in a row, all the while collecting tips slid underneath her skimpy costume. If anyone's hand loses control, which never happened while I was there for two hours, five or six security guys are on top of him.

"The married, older regulars are where the real money is," Fifi told me. "They know this is a business and they aren't going to mess around with those pesky dollar bills or bother me all night for a date," she said.

"I can't stand the young guys who think they can make you fall in love with them for a lousy dollar. A regular customer tips you a \$5 or \$10 on stage and then \$20 when you sit with him and tap into his intellectual interests."

"I get a kick out of seeing the horny, young guys have to sit alone, drooling over a dancer who chooses to sit with an old, fat man with money."

TO THE LEFT WITH TARA MUIR

and sequined belts. This did not resemble the woman I knew and just saw earlier Friday in the library.

I'm calling her "Fifi." Why? At 3 a.m. Saturday over cheese-sticks at Perkins, while she twirled a string of hair with two fingers, her left leg bouncing with nervousness about the subject, Fifi explained.

"Don't describe me in too much detail in your column. Omahans can't get beyond the stereotypes of go-go dancers... We're all drug addicts, unwed mothers, have five tattoos and turn tricks on the side... Those women do exist, but they don't realize they could have an alternative for a career."

Many UNO men don't recognize Fifi on campus. She said they look at her and seem to know her from somewhere, but without make-up, her hair in a ponytail and nerdy glasses sliding down her nose, they can't seem to place her.

"I recognize the UNO guys but ignore them while I'm working. However, I also know some customers are businessmen, influential and very

Don't do it, guys

I'm not normally an advice columnist, but here's a free Valentine's Day tip for all you guys who plan on popping the big question Friday. Don't do it.

"But Kent," you say, "how can I back out now? I've got the whole romantic evening planned, and I've already made reservations at the restaurant. Plus, I've spent my entire life savings, and my tax return, on a ring. Besides, I love her. I can't turn back now."

Well, if that's the case, at least wait until after election day to plan that big day.

Why? Because, my loyal reader, I speak from experience. George Bush really knows how to spoil newlywed bliss.

After I got married last June, I realized why nearly 50 percent of all marriages now end in divorce. It's not that couples can't get along; they just can't afford to get along.

I know. You think since you're in college and you'll be graduating soon that you're going to find a job with a good starting salary and a benefits package that will let you and your spouse live happily ever after in fairy tale land.

Keep dreaming, my friend, because after you slip that ring on her finger and say those two big words — "I do" — you are in for the wake-up call of your life.

In reality, unemployment is at 7.1 percent, the highest it has been in the last five years. That means nearly 9 million people are out looking for jobs, and most employers could care less about that piece of parchment you're going to get at graduation.

But look on the bright side. At least you were fortunate enough to go to college while "The Education President" was in office, so you shouldn't have any major school-related debts to pay off, right?

More than likely, you'll end up working a

couple of part-time jobs to pay off those monstrous school loans. If you're one of the extremely fortunate, you actually might get benefits at one of those jobs.

If you're not, then you're going to have to buy health insurance. But that's OK, since our good president is looking out for our well-being with his ground-breaking health care plan.

Just think, if his proposal is approved by Congress, a family pulling in \$20,000 a year or less will get a \$350 tax credit. Gee, thanks, George. Maybe I'll put that away with the extra

TO THE RIGHT WITH KENT WALTON

dollar a day I'm going to get under your tax reforms.

If you might be wondering who is going to pay for those tax credits, don't ask George. He has no idea either.

So, are you still so sure you want to take that walk down the aisle?

Well, if you are, you had better opt for a big wedding and invite everyone you possibly can. That way you can at least get almost everything you're going to need as gifts.

Of course there are going to be those things you don't get, so you will have to go out and buy them on credit — since all your usable money will be tied up in things like rent, car payments and student loan payments.

I know what you're thinking: "None of this really matters as long as we have each other."

Oh, that's so sweet. But when you're both working 60 hours a week at those two part-time jobs, you won't have time for romance. Even if you could squeeze in time for those newlywed activities, you're probably going to opt for sleep instead.

MED PULSE

Nicotine patches aid fight against smoking

By Elizabeth Tape

It is widely recognized cigarette smoking kills people. Experts say new help has arrived in the struggle to quit smoking in the form of nicotine-release patches recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Much of the background research for the new patches was done at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) under the guidance of behavioral researcher David M. Daughton, who has worked in the field of smoking cessation for more than 15 years.

"It was believed (15 years ago) that cigarette smoking was primarily a psychological habit and that behavioral intervention techniques would work more effectively than anything else," he said.

"We tried some standard, traditional group programs and automated self-hypnosis and a number of other techniques," he said. "After a time, we became convinced that cigarette smok-

ing was a physical problem as well as a social-psychological one. And the more we worked at it, the more convinced we became that it was more physical than anything else."

Daughton said, he and his co-workers became aware of the intensity of symptoms among those trying to quit.

"It became clear just how enormously miserable they can become, with irritability, anxiety, restlessness, sleeplessness, anger, frustration and the inability to concentrate."

At the time, he said, the significant role of nicotine withdrawal had not yet been realized.

"We now know years later that very real physical things are happening when people quit smoking and for many people, that contributes to why they tend to relapse early in their attempts to quit."

Two forms of nicotine supplements have been approved by the FDA for use with smoking cessation: the nicotine gum, approved in 1984, and now the nicotine patches, a delivery

system through the skin.

Although a great aid for some, the nicotine gum was ineffective for others. Part of the difficulty, Daughton said, relates to how nicotine gets into the system.

Daughton said there also are a few other problems with the nicotine gum.

"There are things that block the absorption of nicotine, for instance coffee or cola, almost anything particularly acidic. Some people don't like taste of the gum or those with dental appliances are not able to chew effectively."

Because of the gum's lack of effectiveness with some people, Daughton said, his group continued their efforts to devise an alternative approach. These efforts resulted in the nicotine patch.

"It is much easier to use. It takes only a few seconds to be able to show people how to apply the patches. The current recommendation is to apply it to a clean, hairless area in the upper torso: the upper arm, back or chest," he said.

Other crucial factors in the use of the patches is the dose delivered and the duration of delivery, he said. Daughton said research found those wearing the patch for less than 24 hours had a higher success rate.

Daughton said by removing the patch at night, the amount of nicotine delivered in a 24-hour period diminishes by one third, which provides a bridge toward moving to the smaller patches, and eventually, to no patch at all.

Overall, Daughton said, response has been highly encouraging.

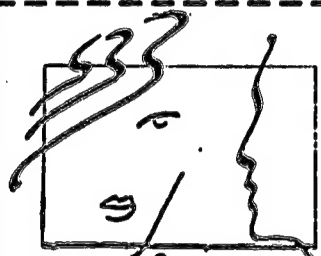
"There have been about eight or nine major studies on the nicotine patches worldwide, and every study showed a clear improvement in quit rates among patch wearers over those wearing inactive patches."

These findings, he said, correlate closely with his group's results.

"Eighty percent to 90 percent who have tried

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Black History Month Focus

UNO celebrates Black History

By Lori Safranek

UNO's celebration of Black History Month in February will include a play, lectures, films, videos and the 20th anniversary of the black studies department at UNO, according to Melody Moore-Richardson, graduate assistant in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

The celebration is co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the African American Organization, and the black studies department, Moore-Richardson said.

"Beyond the Dream: Discovering the Past, Understanding the Future" originated as a satellite broadcast from Washington, D.C. The program was broadcast live on Feb. 5, with further showings at UNO scheduled for Feb. 11 and Feb. 19, Moore-Richardson said.

The video features personalities such as the late Alex Haley, author of "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" and "Roots," jazz musician Wynton Marsalis and civil rights activist Julian Bond. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), actor Ossie Davis and rap artists Kool Moe Dee and KRS1 also appear on the video, Moore-Richardson said.

Students from area high schools are invited to the Feb. 19 showing in Eppley Auditorium.

UNO professor Aaron Sanders will conduct a session of one of his black studies classes in the auditorium prior to the Feb. 19 showing. The high school students are invited to attend the class session, Moore-Richardson said.

"It will let them see what a black studies class is like," she said.

The Student Programming Organization (SPO) is sponsoring a production of the play, "The Meeting," Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Eppley Auditorium.

"It dramatizes what would have happened if Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X would have met," Moore-Richardson said. "The Afrikan Community Theater has done it (the play) in the community several times and every time they do it they get big turnouts and excellent reviews."

SPO also is sponsoring two films, "Boyz 'N the 'Hood" and "Malcolm X," on Feb. 14 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Eppley Auditorium. On Feb. 15, "Boyz 'N the 'Hood" will show again, followed by "The Murder of Fred Hampton," Moore-Richardson said.

Melvin Jefferson, from the Nation of Islam, will present a videotape of Louis Farrakhan Feb. 17 in the Student Center Gallery Room, Moore-Richardson said. "The Three-Year Economic Plan" will be shown from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

What's going on for Black History Month?

Through Feb. 16

- Emmy Gifford Theater presents "A Woman Called Truth," the life of Sojourner Truth.

Every Sunday in February

- Great Plains Black Museum will show films and videotapes.

Feb. 11

- Ribbons commemorating the one-year anniversary of the release of political prisoner Nelson Mandela will be handed out at the Octagon in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Feb. 12

- Black Studies lecture, "From the Constitution to the 1991 Civil Rights Act," Aaron Sanders, noon to 1:30 p.m., Student Center Gallery Room.

Feb. 13

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Feb. 14

- "Malcolm X" and "Boyz 'N the 'Hood," films sponsored by Student Programming Organization, 6 p.m., Eppley Auditorium.

Feb. 17

- "Three-Year Economic Plan," videotape of Louis Farrakhan, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Student Center Gallery Room.

Feb. 19

- Black Studies lecture, "Black Economics," Rodney Wead, noon to 1:30 p.m., Student Center Gallery Room.
- "Beyond the Dream," rebroadcast, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Eppley Auditorium.

Feb. 22

- "Timeline: A History of African American Music," African American Organization Production, 7

p.m., Performing Arts Center.

- CACE Banquet, Professor Barbara Jordan, guest speaker.

Feb. 26

- Black Studies lecture, "Sterling Brown: The Man and the Poet," noon to 1:30 p.m., College of Business Administration, Room 306.
- "Black Studies Homecoming — 20th Anniversary," Ashton Welch, noon to 1:30 p.m., Eppley Auditorium.

UNO's black studies department also will conduct a lecture series during February in commemoration of Black History Month.

Events include:

- Feb. 7 — "Pre-Columbian African Presence," a slide presentation by George Garrison, noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center Gallery Room.
- Feb. 12 — "From the Constitution to the 1991 Civil Rights Act," Aaron Sanders, noon to 1:30 p.m., Gallery Room.
- Feb. 13 — "The Liberation of Egypt and the Diaspora," John Green, director of the integrative studies, Michigan State University, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnam.
- Feb. 19 — "Black Economics," Rodney Wead, noon to 1:30 p.m., Gallery Room.
- Feb. 26 — "Sterling Brown: The Man and the Poet," Frank Chipasula, noon to 1:30 p.m., College of Business Administration Building, Room 306.
- Feb. 28 — 20th Anniversary of UNO's black studies department. Ashton Welch, history professor at Creighton University, will be the featured speaker. Eppley Auditorium, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting focuses on education



—Eric Francis

City Councilman Fred Conley, Louise Latimer, Darryll Lewis and Mary Dean Harvey discuss the state of politics in Omaha at the Town Hall Meeting Thursday.

The state of black Omaha in education and politics was the focus of a Town Hall Meeting held Thursday as part of UNO's Black History Month activities.

More than 125 people attended the meeting, according to Mary Mudd, interim assistant vice chancellor for education and student services at UNO. The meeting was aimed at energizing the African-American community to become more involved in solving community problems, she said.

The education panel featured retired Omaha Public Schools (OPS) principal Katherine Fletcher; OPS School Board President Brenda Council; Dick Davis, chair of the Davis Scholarship Committee; and Philip Secret, associate dean of the UNO College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

The panel members discussed their concerns about education and addressed the problems black students face in their pursuit for academic excellence.

Davis said black students often feel a financial crunch in their pursuit for higher education. He reported more than 100 students applied for the 21 Davis scholarships offered.

"The need is overwhelming," Davis said. "There is a tremendous amount of gifted kids and a tremendous amount of needs."

The politics panel included Omaha City Councilman Fred Conley; Mary Dean Harvey, director of the Nebraska Department of Social Services; and Louise Latimer caseworker for Rep. Peter Hoagland's office.

The politics panel discussed complacency among African-Americans, and urged the public to make elected leaders accountable.

Mudd said African-Americans need to become more involved in politics.

NEWS CLIPS

Teleconference on sexual harassment

A teleconference on sexual harassment will be held Tuesday in the Eppley Auditorium from 10 a.m. to noon.

Topics for the program include defining

Looking at Columbus

"Christopher Columbus and His Achievements—For Better or For Worse?" a new non-credit course from the College of Continuing Studies, examines the voyages of Columbus and the long-term consequences of his accomplishments.

The five-session course begins Feb. 20 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center and meets Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bruce Garver, a UNO history professor, will teach the course.

For more information or to register, call 595-2308.

Birthday Celebration

Both Galileo and Copernicus were born in February, and children between the ages of 8 and 12 will have the chance to celebrate. The Neale Woods Nature Center will be the site for an

astronomers' birthday party Saturday, where a trained naturalist will introduce basic principles of astronomy and give children a glimpse of 16th century history. The two-hour party, starting at 2 p.m., will have astronomy games, crafts, telescope viewing, prizes, treats and surprises.

Reservations are required and limited to 24. Cost is \$5 for a member and \$6 for a non-member. For more information, call 453-5615.

Schneider chosen as Employee of Month

Mike Schneider, a custodian in environmental services, has been chosen as UNO's Employee of the Month for February.

Nominators for Schneider praised the work he does in Kayser Hall. One nominator wrote about the time he accidentally threw away some student papers and how he and Schneider spent two hours going through the garbage until the papers were found.

Another nominator wrote, "He works hard to keep our environment neat and clean. He is one of the many human reasons this campus is one of the best maintained and kept campuses I have been on as a worker or visitor."

As Employee of the Month, Schneider will receive a gift certificate, pin, portrait and use of a designated parking space. He also will be honored at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Regents.

'F' is for foxes . . .

From foxes to fungi, children in grades kindergarten through third will have the chance to experience February's flora and fauna on Saturday with the Fontenelle Forest Association's Mini Nature World's Program.

The afternoon will be spent focusing on things in nature which have a name starting with the letter "F."

Reservations are required and limited to 15. The cost is \$4 for a member and \$6 for a non-member. Call 731-3140 for more information.

IN THE AREA ...

sexual harassment, identifying a hostile environment, what policies should include, how a manager should deal with harassment claims, liability, and the state's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's procedures in sexual harassment claims.

The program is designed for managers and supervisors, but all employees can attend.

HIV test caused safer sex

LOS ANGELES (CPS) — Heterosexual men and women who undergo HIV testing, education and counseling use safer sex practices after testing, even when the test result is negative, according to a university study.

The UCLA School of Medicine study was conducted at a clinic for sexually transmitted diseases. The subjects were assigned to one of two groups. Ninety-four were tested for HIV, and 92 were not.

The group which received the HIV test and the group which did not had similar sexual activities at the time of the visit. At a follow-up interview, there were not changes in AIDS knowledge, mental health or general health in either group.

However, those who had been tested for HIV were much more concerned about getting AIDS than they had been one month before.

"We were concerned that a negative test would encourage behavior for HIV, and it is very gratifying that it is the opposite," said Dr. Neil Wenger, assistant professor of medicine and principal investigator.

Minority enrollment studied

MADISON, Wis. (CPS) — A recent study conducted at the University of Wisconsin shows that black and Hispanic students have a better chance of going to college than white students when they all come from the same socio-economic background.

The study credits the finding to the fact that minority students, even when they come from backgrounds similar to their white counterparts, are more likely to have difficulty finding jobs after graduating from high school. The lack of job opportunities makes school an attractive option.

Mountain's fate still unsure

TUCSON, Ariz. (CPS) — A bitter battle between the University of Arizona, environmental groups and Native Americans over the fate of nearby Mount Graham has taken a new twist.

A \$200-million telescope project sponsored by the university and other international institutions is the center of a controversy

that has pitted the school against environmentalists and San Carlos Apache Tribe members, who say Mount Graham is a sacred place.

According to a university official, 50-year-old anthropological records show the Apache claims may be legitimate.

Gordon V. Krutz, coordinator of the University of Arizona Office of American Indian Programs, said he reviewed segments

... AND AROUND THE NATION

of anthropologist Greenville Goodwin's field notes and interviews with San Carlos Apaches from 1929 to 1939.

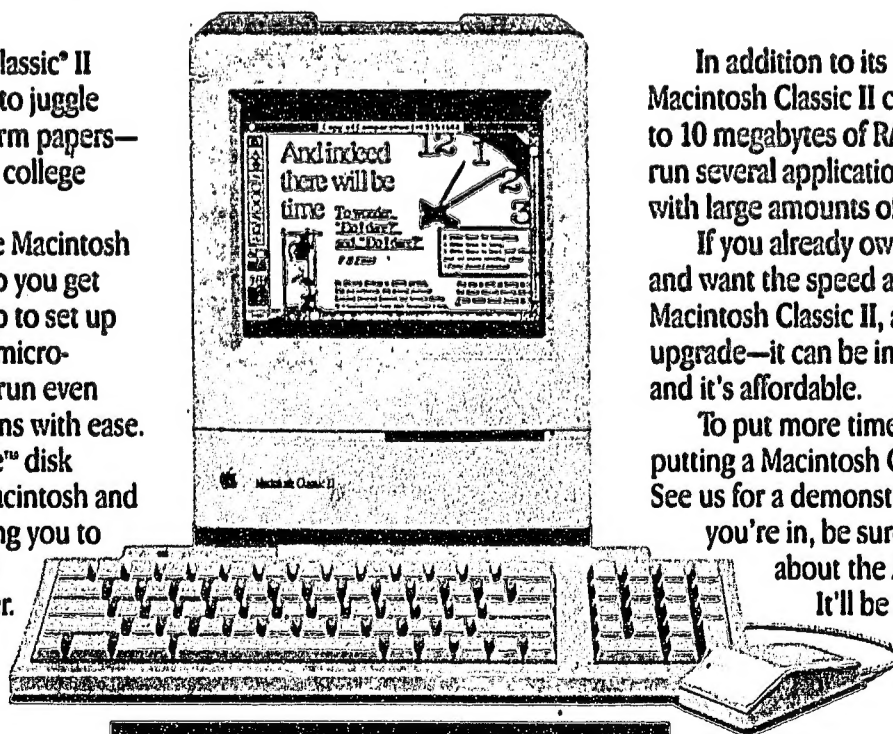
Krutz said he found nine specific references to Mount Graham as a religiously significant site in Goodwin's records, which are available only to researchers.

The Apache Survival Coalition, a group affiliated with the tribe, has filed a suit against the U.S. Forest Service for granting the university a permit to build telescopes on Mount Graham.

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MORE LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I do not agree with Heidi Jeanne Hess' criticism of the President's State of the Union address in the Jan. 31 *Gateway*. There was nothing wrong with his praise for veterans.

Dominant media culture, like you, who didn't support the troops in Vietnam, need not tell the rest of us how to treat veterans. In recent years I think the American public has been educated how the Vietnam veterans feel. I think the Vietnam vet just wants the same respect given World War I and World War II or Desert Storm vets. Not ticker tape parades, monuments or medals, just the acknowledgment they were there and did their jobs well. I think my generation respects Vietnam vets more than the peace-niks that spit in soldiers' faces.

As for the comment about out-spending the enemies' forces, consult Alexander the Great,

Hannibal, Caesar, Napoleon, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt, to name a few.

History shows us it takes more than good equipment and training to fight a war, it takes a lot of men. Ask the Mongols.

The NATO Alliance spent about \$467 billion, about 4.8 percent of its gross national product on defense in 1988. The Warsaw Pact spent \$359 billion, about 11 percent of its gross national product. Yes, we spent a ton of money to win the Cold War. However, NATO was more financially able to deter threat of war than any other alliance without significant loss of life or destruction of property.

The Commonwealth of Independent States is in better shape to rebuild from communism now, than if we had bombed them into the Stone Age. We, also, are better able to invest in eastern Europe than if we were recovering from

a war that never happened.

A wise man once said the military is like car insurance. It is really expensive and you don't like to pay it, but the better your policy the less you'll pay later.

If your statement "Isn't it a little early to say 'Imperial Communism' is dead" is true, wouldn't that support maintaining a strong military?

Regardless, I don't think Bush's cuts in the military have anything to do with elections. It is simply time for a reduction.

A little matter of math for you: \$1 per day per person in one year adds up to \$29 billion.

This is my advice to what I consider nothing more than a verbal antagonist to society.

Lead, follow or get the hell out of the way!

Paul Gebhart

UNO Student

From Belize, page 1

American traveller never could have," Amoura said. "We couldn't help but stick out wherever we went, but the Thai people were very welcoming to us."

Amoura said Belize is English-speaking, and the trip will include two weeks of orientation in Belize City. Participants will live with families in a nearby village.

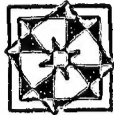
The program is open to all full-time UNO students who will be under age 21 at the start of the program, Amoura said. The age limit is set by the national organization. Participants must pay for air fare to Miami and any spending money needed during the trip, Amoura said.

Persons interested in the program can attend an information session Feb. 13 at 2:30 p.m. or Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Student Center Board Room.

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the patches are high responders; that is, they feel significant relief and they report that it's a lot better quitting with the patches than in previous attempts."

But, Daughton said, the patches are not for everyone.

"They are really designed for people who have tried to quit in the past and have failed due to withdrawal symptoms."

Daughton said he feels people who have never tried to quit might want to try first without the patches because they may succeed. He also said not everyone can use the patches.

"There are individuals with a history of skin reactions who may not be good candidates. And then those with recent heart attacks may not be a good candidate. A physician decides whether the patches are a good idea."

Even though Daughton said for many the process of trying to quit smoking "is really an excruciating, gut-wrenching event," he remains optimistic about the potential for cessation of smoking.

"What we know is that 50 million Americans have quit and there's no reason, if people ask themselves, why they can't quit as well."

Dr. Susanna Von Essen, who specializes in lung diseases at UNMC, said it is never too late to stop smoking.

As for the cancer risk, Von Essen said that for those who quit, approximately 18 years after

stopping their risk of lung cancer decreases to roughly that of non-smokers.

Von Essen said she feels the patches can play an important role in smoking cessation.

"They are an improvement over the nicotine gum and will help some people who haven't been able to stop smoking up until now."

Jay, a UNO student, said he has been a two-packs-a-day smoker for the last 21 years, who, with the help of nicotine patches, stopped smoking on Jan. 22, 1992.

"I started smoking at age 13," he said. "I was in a group of people who smoked, and both my parents smoked."

Jay, whose name has been changed to protect his anonymity, said he had tried to quit smoking many times before, but was unsuccessful with each attempt. With the patches, he said he finds things quite a bit different.

"It doesn't feel like you're still craving. You just put it on and then you don't have to think about anything else but the mental part of not smoking. Not having the physical craving leaves you free to put up all of your defense towards the mental battle."

A recovering alcohol and drug addict who has been sober for more than seven years, Jay said quitting smoking has been more difficult than quitting other drugs, but is encouraged with the success he has had thus far with the patches.

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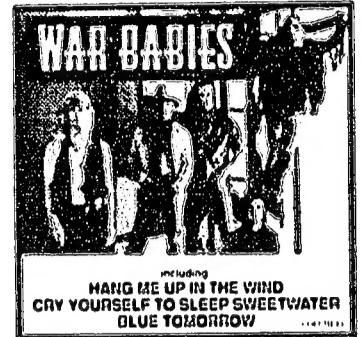
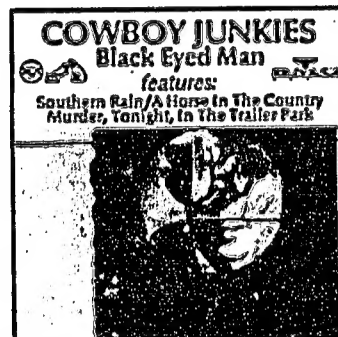
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ELECTION '92

OPINION BY **MIKE JACOBS**

A CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll released last Friday showed Clinton as the preference of 37 percent of the voters with Paul Tsongas next with 24 percent, followed by Bob Kerrey at 12 percent and Tom Harkin and Jerry Brown both with 8 percent.

My picks are Clinton with 40 percent, Tsongas with 22 percent, Kerrey with 18 percent, Harkin with 10 percent, Jerry Brown with 8 percent, and 2 percent of the vote going to fringe candidates.

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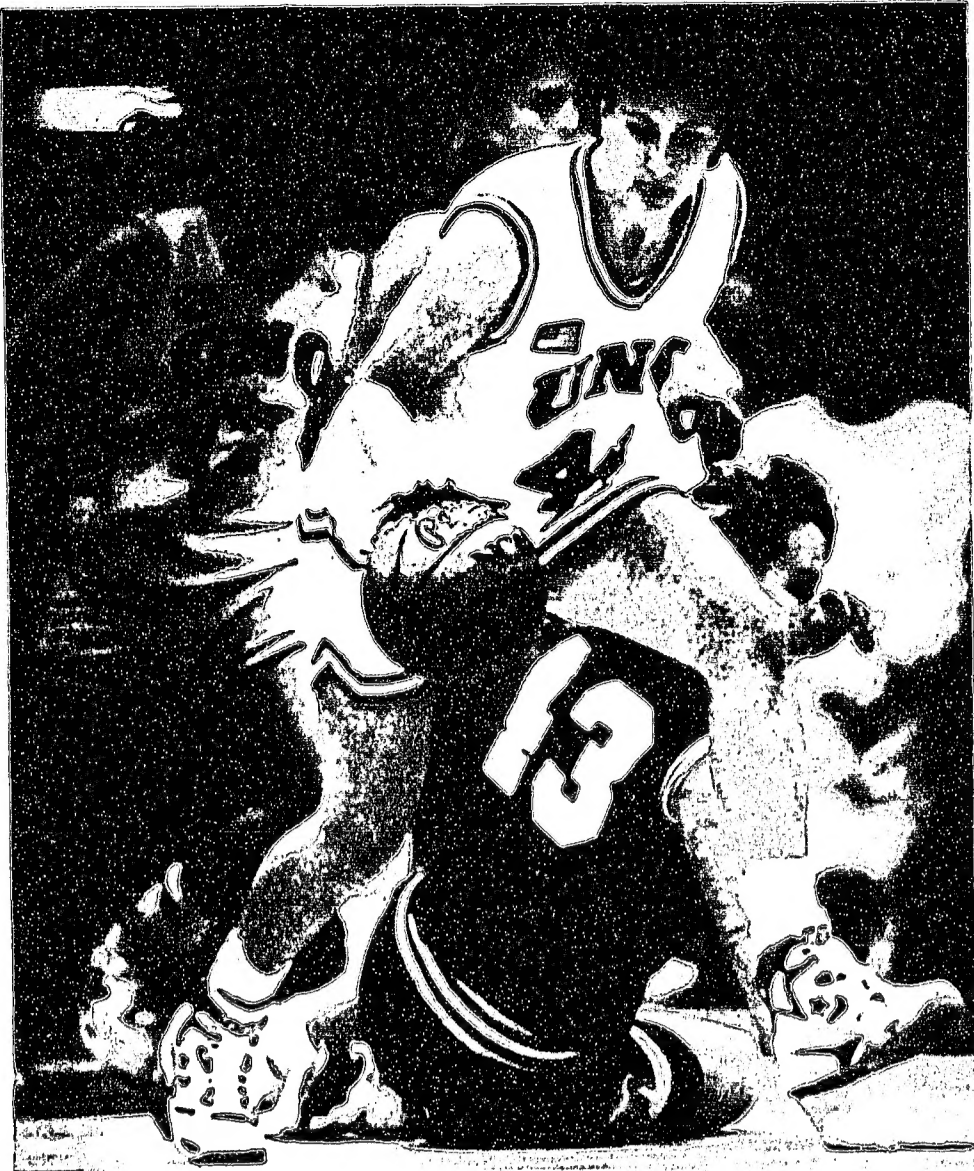
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Lady Mav Sandy Skradski rambles down the court to score. She had 23 rebounds against South Dakota State University Saturday.

Jackrabbits beat 62-53

Lady Mavs jump SDSU

By Daren Schrat

After a loss against Augustana, the UNO Lady Mavs returned to the court Saturday night to defeat 20th ranked South Dakota State University (SDSU) Jackrabbits 62-53 before a Girl Scout Night crowd of 2,100.

A 17-foot jumper by Aimee Noel and a couple of hoops scored by Sandy Skradski helped put UNO up by 10, which caused the Jackrabbits to call their second time out in the initial eight minutes of play.

The Jacks tried to slow the Lady Mavs down, but a 15-foot baseline shot by Noel and a 10-footer by Rachele Clark gave UNO a 12-point lead.

"We tried to get some people motivated a little bit to shoot and score," UNO coach Cherri Mankenberg said.

The Jacks fought back. Carleen Rose scored nine points in less than five minutes and Rachel Halsrud added a couple of baskets to cut the UNO lead to 24-19 at halftime.

Skradski already had grabbed 15 rebounds for the Lady Mavs at the half.

"That was so critical. She was a board-animal," Mankenberg said.

The Lady Mavs continued to build their lead in the second half. A three-pointer by Linda Schabloske along with baskets from Kim Priest,

Noel and Skradski put SDSU down by 12.

The Jackrabbits came within one after Jodi Bergemann sank two baskets and Halsrud buried a three-pointer. It was the last time South Dakota State challenged for the lead.

Skradski pounded in three baskets and the Lady Mavs capitalized on a technical foul assessed to the Jackrabbits to put UNO up by 11.

Despite a pair of three-pointers by Halsrud and eight more points by Bergemann, the Lady Mavs hit five of their last six free throws to bag the bunnies.

The victory ended a three-game losing skid for the Lady Mavs.

"It was great beating a ranked team," Mankenberg said.

Lady Mavs center Skradski finished with 23 rebounds, two short of the team record. She also finished with 19 points.

"She got almost half the rebounds for us and rebounds are guts and hard work. She's six-foot and they had a 6-2, and 6-1 kid playing center," Mankenberg said. "She was working hard for the boards. We're really proud of Sandy today."

Noel added 12 points while Schabloske and Priest chipped in nine each.

The Lady Mavs play at St. Cloud next week.

"I think our kids are ready for the challenge," Mankenberg said. "We're due to snap those people."

"It was great beating a ranked team."

—UNO coach Cherri Mankenberg

Navratilova visits her Omaha tennis fans

By Eric Francis

Nine-time Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova returned to Omaha Sunday night to face long-time doubles partner Pam Shriver in the Second Annual Healthy Choice Challenge.

Navratilova defeated Shriver 3-6, 6-1, 7-6, in a charity match organized to benefit the American Heart Association.

Navratilova, who faced Zina Garrison in last year's match, currently is the fourth-rated tennis player in the world. Shriver is ranked No. 35.

"When you play exhibition and you're the feature match, you want to win, but you want to entertain," said Shriver in a pre-match press conference.

"Sometimes in exhibitions there is a certain amount of pressure because you want to make sure that everyone leaves having seen good tennis," Shriver said.

The crowd responded to the warm atmosphere of the match with frequent applause and calling of the players' names.

The players returned the enthusiasm with jokes and occasionally hitting a ball or two into the stands.

The event, organized by Pro Motion Events Inc., also included a Futures Match and Celebrity Match. The Futures Match highlighted ten junior high and high school students from Miracle Hills Golf and Tennis.

The Celebrity Match featured Omaha billionaire Warren Buffett and former Dallas Cowboys all-pro quarterback Danny White.

"This is going to be a lot of fun. I really

enjoy playing tennis, especially when you get to play with people like Pam and Martina," White said.

Gen. George Butler, of Strategic Air Command, sat in as honorary chair umpire of the Celebrity Doubles Match.

Navratilova and Shriver have a combined win of 20 Grand Slam championships.

"Obviously it's just about the best thing that could happen," Shriver said. "We have

very good chemistry on the court."

Both competitors will be playing in Chicago next week and used Sunday's match to "make sure that all the pieces are working and all the strokes," Navratilova said.

Event directors Tom Thompson, a 1988 UNO graduate and all-conference basketball player, and Nancy Lieberman-Cline,

two-time Olympic basketball medalist, said they were excited to have Shriver and Navratilova in this year's match.

"They're both serve-and-volley players, which generally makes for exciting tennis," Lieberman-Cline said.

Shriver met with the "Courtside Kids" for an hour before the match. The question-and-answer session was an opportunity for 150 children to meet with one of the feature players.

Shriver has come back from shoulder surgery to be nominated as 1991 Comeback Player of the Year.

Navratilova and Shriver were named Doubles Team of the Year for eight consecutive years, from 1981 to 1988.

"When you play exhibition and you're the feature match, you want to win, but you want to entertain."

—Pam Shriver



—Eric Francis

Despite recent shoulder surgery, former Grand Slam championship winner Pam Shriver does her best against former doubles partner Martina Navratilova at the Second Annual Healthy Choice Challenge charity match.

SPORTS

Mavericks drop two straight games at home



—Eric Francis

Phil Cartwright (In white) has a rough time against Augustana. The Mavs dropped a pair of games against Augustana and South Dakota State University.

By Daren Schrat

SDSU 69 — UNO 64

The first-place South Dakota State University (SDSU) Jackrabbits kept their honorary spot after defeating the Mavs 69-64 Saturday night.

The Mavs shot only one of 14 shots as they fell behind 17-5.

Mike Conley scored a basket and added a three-pointer to pull the Mavs within one.

But poor first-half shooting — 33.3 percent — by the Mavs allowed the Jackrabbits to build a seven-point lead. At the half it was 30-25, SDSU.

UNO Head Coach Bob Hanson said he believed his team would bounce back in the second half.

"I was upbeat at the half," he said.

The Jackrabbits' lead was cut to one with three baskets by Ron Walker and two free throws each by Phil Cartwright and Thad Mott.

With 5:46 remaining, the Mavs trailed by three after Walker connected on a three-point shot and drove in a layup. Then Chris White answered for the Jackrabbits with four points.

Walker added another bucket and Mott sank two free throws to cut SDSU's lead to three with 2:32 left.

Troy Bouman and Jeff Booher gave the Jackrabbits a six-point cushion, with 1:45 to play, with a free throw and a basket.

With 39 seconds on the clock, the Mavs tried to win one last time, down by three. The Mavs fouled the Jackrabbits, and Mitch Lane and Booher converted to ice the game for SDSU.

White had a 22-points, Booher added 15, and Bouman had 12 more to pace the rabbits.

"I thought our kids really tried. I told them I was not near as frustrated as I was the night

before," Hanson said.

After being held scoreless in the first half, the Mavs' guard Ron Walker paced the Mavs with 20 points. Cartwright added 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Conley had 10 points for UNO.

Augustana 77 — UNO 63

Augustana is in last place in the North Central Conference (NCC), but two of their three conference victories have been against UNO after they defeated the Mavs 77-63 Friday night.

"They get stomped by everybody else. I don't know what it is," UNO Maverick Phil Cartwright said.

The Vikings struck the Mavs down from afar as they shot from the three-point area 20 times, hitting eight.

The first half saw three ties and six lead changes. Augustana's scoring was led by two three-point shots each from Jason Garrow and Eric Kline. Dana Grimsrud added a fifth.

The Vikings built a seven-point lead before the half, but the Mavs cut it to 33-30 at halftime.

In the second half, Augustana picked up where they left off. The Mavs trailed by a basket after Ryan Elrod scored six points in the first five minutes of the half. Then Garrow and Kline loaded their missile launchers.

Garrow hit two more three-pointers and Kline added another to put Augustana ahead by 10.

The Mavs retaliated with three-pointers by Thad Mott and Ron Walker, but it wasn't enough.

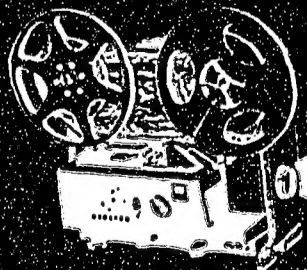
UNO's Head Coach Bob Hanson said he felt his team did not execute on offense.

"What I saw out there was not my game plan. I thought our problems were offensive and not defensive. We were impatient on offense," he said.

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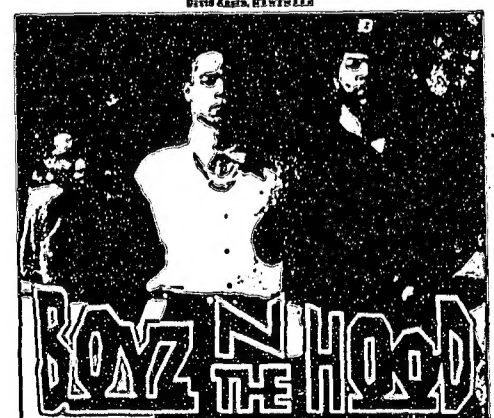
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One thousand Girl Scouts can't be wrong

The Lady Mavericks are packing them in

The screams reached an inaudible pitch. The banner-waving crowd erupted with every Maverick basket.

It was a typical Saturday in February at the UNO Fieldhouse, only this crowd arrived before 8:05 p.m.

The 2,000-plus crowd which filled the fieldhouse Saturday night was there to watch the Lady Mavs beat 20th-ranked South Dakota State University by 9 points.

UNO fans come from all walks of life, but the majority of Saturday's fans towered at three feet tall and wore green and brown.

It was Girl Scout Night, and the troops were getting restless.

They waved pompons and chased the Maverick Mascot around the sidelines. The loud shrill of their screams rang out after each

UNO score and undoubtedly left many fans with headaches.

"We're getting really good crowds right now," Lady Mav Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "Everyone likes a winner."

The 14-6 squad is winning, and is in contention for an at-large bid in the NCAA tournament.

Saturday's crowd brings Mankenberg back a few years to 1987, when the Lady Mavs went 21-8 and were ranked 5th in the nation.

"Back then, the men were having a down

year. At the end of the year, we had more (crowds) than the men."

THE RIGHT CALL BY LIZ MERRILL

Central Conference rivals.

"We had big rivalries with North Dakota and North Dakota State and some of those big games brought out a lot of people," she said.

Two weekends ago, the Lady Mavs lost a heartbreaker to 8th-ranked North Dakota in the closing seconds of the game.

Mankenberg also said that the Lady Mavs' physical type of play attracts the crowds.

"They're fun to watch because they play so hard," she said.

"You're going to see them work hard on defense, and you're almost going to see them foam at the mouth because they want to play so hard."

Maybe the fieldhouse crowd didn't get a

chance to see any mouth-foaming last weekend, but they did get their fill of digging, stealing and sliding.

Junior center Sandy Skradski dug in for 24 rebounds on Saturday, one shy of the school record.

Senior Kim Priest picked up four steals against the Jackrabbits and scrappy senior guard Tricia Floyd's defensive play landed her on the floor so many times, she probably saved the janitorial crew some sweeping time after the game.

The Lady Mavs are making impressions on and off the court.

With a 3.0-plus team GPA, the Lady Mavs serve as role models for groups like the Girl Scouts.

"They're personable and they're good students," Mankenberg said.

"They're what athletics are supposed to be," she added.

With six conference games to go and an at-large bid at stake in NCAA tournament, the Lady Mavs are the team to watch in February.

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